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Information on certain aspects of monetary exchange between Poland and the West, and on the amount of per diem paid to Russians in an official travel status in Poland and to Poles on official missions to East Germany has been provided [redacted] as follows:

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1. [redacted] to prepare estimates on investment costs. [redacted] in computing planned purchases from the West (machinery and telecommunications equipment, [redacted] should not use the official rate of four zloty to the dollar, which is used as a basis for currency conversions, but [redacted] should increase the zloty amount almost four times. [redacted] the exact figure used in such estimates, but [redacted] it was above three and under four. This inflated figure, [redacted], was to cover "operational costs". 25X1
2. [redacted] that the same zloty proportion was used in budgetary estimates on planned imported products for the proposed factory for the production of telecommunications equipment, [redacted] 25X1
3. When a Soviet specialist or expert was detailed for consultation to Poland, the Polish Government paid him 150.00 zloty per diem in addition to his travel and hotel expenses. The Polish Government also paid his salary for the period of his stay in Poland. However, this salary was collectible only in the USSR, where it was forwarded by the Polish Government. 25X1

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4. All Polish government officials, with the exception of ministers, received only 18.60 zloty per diem plus hotel and travel expenses when on official travel status in Poland.

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6. Until 1 August 1953, the per diem granted by the Polish Government to representatives travelling to East Germany ranged from 90 East Marks for experts to 45 East Marks for representatives of the lower categories, such as athletes and those going for practical experience in East German factories. After 1 August 1953, the per diem was reduced by 10 per cent for all representatives.

7. Upon leaving Poland, were allowed to take out not more than 100 zloty each. They were informed by the customs authorities that they would have to have the same amount on their person when they returned to Poland. 25X1

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